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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am happy to hear about the settlement that has been worked out with Microsoft. It has taken three long years to finally reach an agreement like this that is fair for both sides. I hope that the Federal government will let this be it and finally put the matter to rest.

The settlement is fair. First of all, Microsoft will adhere to a uniform pricing list when licensing Windows out to the larger computer vendors in the United States. Also, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against companies that promote or use non-Microsoft products. Most importantly, Microsoft has agreed to share sensitive information with its competitors; information that will allow them to more easily place their own programs on the Windows operating system.

I know that many people who daily depend on Microsoft products will write to you about this matter. I hope that you take their and my opinions into account. I support the settlement and look forward to seeing the suit come to an end. As a consumer and a user of Microsoft products, I do not feel that I am being "clobbered" by Microsoft. Many of their competitors would like you to think this is the case. Since many other companies can't effectively compete with their own inferior products, they want the taxpayers to help them get rid of Microsoft by way of a government breakup. Enough is enough, settle the lawsuit and allow Microsoft to get on with creating more innovative products!!

Sincerely,



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Cc: Senator Rick Santorum